

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 2, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing to you with respect to the broadcast incentive auction process that Congress authorized as part of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. As you know, Congress adopted this measure to permit those television licensees that want to exit the broadcast business to do so voluntarily, thereby freeing up frequencies that could then be reallocated for wireless broadband services.

We believe increasing the amount of spectrum allocated to wireless broadband services advances an important national goal and is critical to supporting competition and quality of service on our nation's wireless networks. But over-the-air television also remains an important, free service on which many of our constituents rely. We understand and respect the expertise of the Federal Communications Commission's staff in navigating the delicate decisions involved in designing a new band plan for the remaining TV stations. However, we urge the Commission to ensure that over-the-air television stations are informed in a timely manner about the agency's proposed plans, without causing delay to the process. We believe it is important for the Commission to provide an opportunity for broadcasters that may be affected by those plans to evaluate and understand how the proposed changes will affect them.

As the Commission conducts its repacking process and develops its band plan for the remaining television stations, we ask the Commission to adhere to a policy of transparency, disclosing its plans at the earliest opportunity in order to help those stations evaluate and understand how the proposed changes will affect them. Providing such transparency and notice to broadcasters prior to the auction will ensure the process is done right without creating any delay in moving forward with the needed spectrum auctions.

We thank you for your attention to this request, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

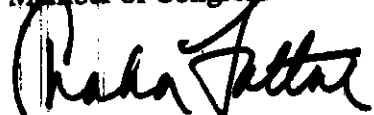
  
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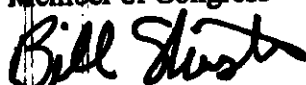
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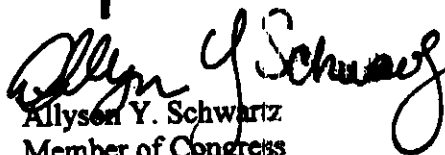
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November 15, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Jason Altmire  
U.S. House of Representatives  
332 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Altmire:

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The Honorable Lou Barletta  
U.S. House of Representatives  
510 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Barletta:

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The Honorable Mark Critz  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1022 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Critz:

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The Honorable Chaka Fattah  
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2301 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Tim Holden  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2417 Rayburn House Building  
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The Honorable Mike Kelly  
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